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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9743

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT: ENERGY: ZAMBIA OBJECTS TO ARAB

HOLDUP ON OIL PRICE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1055

1. DURING ROUND OF CALLS BY EXIMBANK OFFICIALS ON GRZ
MINISTERS CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS, IT CLEAR
ZAMBIANS INTEND JOIN THOSE STATES (PARA 5 REFTEL)
TAKING STRONG STAND AT LIBYA MEETING THIS MONTH AND
ELSEWHERE IN SEARCH FOR MORE REALISTIC ARAB POSITION ON
OIL PRICE.

2. MINSTER PLANNING AND FINANCE CHIKWANDA FLATLY SAID
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ARAB ACTIONS ON EMBARGO AND PRICE "LEGITIMATE UP TO POINT

BUT DO NOT GIVE THEM LICENSE TO RUIN OTHER ECONOMIES."
SAID PRICE INCREASES OF FOUR TO EIGHT DOLLARS PER BARREL
REASONABLE BUT 16 DOLLARS COMPLETELY OUT OF REACH AND
NEEDS BE RESISTED BY CONSUMERS IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.
STRESSED NEED FOR WORLD ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE. SAID
ARABS NEED BE TOLD IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THEY PLAYING
DANGEROUS, NO-WIN GAME.

3. CHIKWANDA'S STRONG STAND FOLLOWS LEAD TAKEN BY FONMIN
MWAANGA IN PUBLIC STATEMENT PAST WEEK DENOUNCING ARAB REFUSAL
TO GRANT CONCESSIONARY PRICES TO AFRICANS FOLLOWING
KENYA-UGANDA MINISTERIAL MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA AND JUST
AS OAU COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MEETING IN ADDIS.

4. COMMENT: AWAKENED CONSCIENCE AND HARD REALISM OF MWAANGA AND
CHIKWANDA AGAINST ARAB POLICIES REFLECT SYMPATHETIC REACTION
TO STATEMENTS OF PRESIDENT NIXON, SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ENERGY
COORDINATOR SIMON, WHICH WIDELY DISTRIBUTED HERE,
LATEST ZAMBIAN STATEMENTS CONTRAST WITH PROTOCOLARY PLEASANTRIES
WHICH TENDED DOMINATE RECENT VISITS TO LUSAKA OF
THREE SEPARATE ARAB DELEGATIONS: 1) UNITED ARAB EMIRATE
MINISTERS (LUSAKA 2266); 2) PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION FROM
EGYPT/LIBYA/SYRIA (LUSAKA 100); AND 3) PLO POLITICAL DELEGATION
(LUSAKA 114).
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